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LEGISLATURE DRAWING TO A CLOSE

The General Assembly of Virginia is drawing to a close, and December 23rd is expected to witness its adjournment. The present session is one of the longest held for more than thirty years. Five sessions have been held since the body first convened on December 4th, 1901. No other Legislature has extended into three calendar years as this one has done. The cost of the session will reach at least \$200,000.

It is thought not improbable that the members will return after the Christmas recess and work up to the limit of life, January 12th, 1904. If that be the case, the Assembly will have extended into the fourth calendar year, and will go down in history as that of 1901-'02-'03-'04.

Among the noteworthy general laws passed, were the pure election law, the dog law, the game law, the statute for the commitment of inebriates to hospitals, and the bill reappointing the State for Senate and House districts. The revision of the statutes and codifying the same have consumed the greater portion of the time of the session.

The majority of the members of the present House and nearly half of the Senate will retire from the service of the State with the expiration of the present term.

The next General Assembly will convene on January 12th, 1904.

DISPLAY AT FUNERALS

The Episcopal Preachers' Association of Norfolk and Portsmouth have taken steps to vigorously oppose the lavish display and expense at funerals. Death is and ever will be a solemn thing, particularly so when it is to be followed, as in most cases it is, by public and conspicuous, if not really vulgar, parade of grief. And, as our Baptist friends say, the evil custom in a sense compels many survivors of deceased persons to go together beyond their means in ostentatious display, and flagrant dishonesty is the result.

Another improvement over old customs is the simplicity of the funeral service and the abolishment of the long and tedious sermon, which too often abounded with personal references to the deceased, greatly to the mortification of friends. And a yet greater reform has of late been adopted in Lexington, that is, the holding of brief services at the cemetery and the departure of friends before the grave is closed. In many instances funeral results have followed standing on the damp ground while the grave was being filled.

PROPOSED VAGRANT LAW

A bill is pending before the Legislature which is aimed at that troublesome class of persons known as vagrants, who "toil not neither do they spin." The main features of the bill are largely based on a law already in force in Georgia, which provides penalties for the following who are considered vagrants:

1. All persons who shall return to any county or corporation from which they have been removed.
2. All persons who have not the wherewith to maintain themselves and who refuse to work for the wages usually paid for such work as such person can perform.
3. Wanderers, strollers, or idlers and others who have no property.
4. Persons leading an idle, immoral or profligate life, own no property and who are capable of work.
5. All able-bodied persons who are found begging or who quit their houses and desert their wives and children.
6. Those persons who shall come from any place without the State and who are found loitering and who have a trade and refuse to work.
7. Those who have a fixed place of abode and who engage in trafficking in stolen goods.
8. All who are able to work, who do not work, but live by hiring out their minor children.

Virginia Exhibit of Apples at St. Louis Exposition

Many people who have been interested themselves in sending their apples to Superintendent Murrell in Richmond for exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, will be surprised to hear that such a fine supply was collected by him and that they have already reached their destination. He secured about 800 barrels, a large proportion of which were donated to the Virginia Board and they have been promptly forwarded to St. Louis and are now safely deposited in the exposition cold storage, where they will be found all sound and fresh when needed for the Virginia exhibit next spring and summer.

The Virginia management proposes to make a very unique display of fruit which cannot fail to attract much attention. A tower 52 feet high, broad at the base and tapering to the top, will be constructed and decorated with beautiful, assorted apples from bottom to summit and on the crown will be placed a great colored artificial apple 12 feet 7 inches in diameter.

This big apple will attract the attention of everyone who enters the great horticultural hall, and when the visitor goes up to see the big apple and the bright apple tower, he will find around the base a general assortment of fruits, melons, berries, etc., among which will be found six huge Hanover watermelons weighing from 60 to 64 pounds each. On long tables will be displayed plates of fruit which will be kept fresh by renewing them every day as they may become speckled or soiled, taking such out and replacing each with sound plump fruit from the cold storage.

Presbyterian Churches Cannot Get Together

A joint committee of representatives of four branches of the Presbyterian faith met in New York last Wednesday to discuss the question of church unity. In accordance with a resolution passed by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Philadelphia last year. The matter was also before the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church which met in Lexington last May.

A letter was read stating that the body generally known as the Presbyterian Church, South, had declined the invitation to take part in the conference. The letter was from the Rev. Dr. W. A. Alexander, of Clarksville, Tenn., stated clerk of the Southern General Assembly. In his letter Dr. Alexander said:

"The General Assembly of the Southern Church expresses its fraternal regards for the branch of the Reformed Church inaugurating the union movement, and its sympathy with the spirit that actuates the Reformed Presbyterian bodies, but declines to appoint the committee asked for, because there is no evidence in sight to justify the assembly in hoping that the object proposed may be gained in this way."

Senatorial Candidate

Senator Lawrence L. Campbell, the short term senator from Bedford county, is the only candidate who has filed notice of his candidacy with Clerk Shields of the County Court of Rockbridge and is therefore the only name that will appear on the ticket in Rockbridge to be voted for as a candidate for the State Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Calloway Brown.

The Bedford City correspondence in Sunday's Lynchburg News says: Major W. F. Grayson has formally registered his name as a candidate for the State Senate. It is generally understood that Mr. J. Lawrence Campbell, who is now serving as Senator to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of Hon. Graham Claytor, will also be a candidate for the full term. Mr. Campbell has already given very satisfactory evidence of his ability to discharge the duties of Senator, and he has many friends who will urge his becoming a candidate for the next session of the Senate. Major Grayson has a fine record as a gallant Confederate soldier, is a progressive farmer, and will receive a cordial support in many parts of the county.

Our entire stock of millinery at cost and less. We have a large stock of millinery at cost and less. We have a large stock of millinery at cost and less.

Water Cress Industry

The water cress industry is being established in Rockbridge. Maj. F. W. Houston now has seven beds under cultivation. Two of them are at Colliertown, two on South River, one on Buffalo and one at Falling Spring. Last season he shipped 235 barrels and expects the output this year to exceed that amount. He finds a ready sale for the cress in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and New York.

The cultivation of this delicacy is precarious and is attended with considerable expense and difficulty, and not always are the returns as large as they should be. The springs have to be prepared and require constant watchfulness. The crop is gathered and shipped in the fall and winter, when other green vegetables are off the market.

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Colliertown Cullings

Gazette Correspondence.

COLLIERTOWN, Dec. 15.—The young people near Alphin have organized a reading and musical club, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Fannie Goodbar. They meet every Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Goodbar, and spend a few pleasant hours in reading and singing; they also have instrumental music. This is a step in the right direction and it is hoped that the result will be beneficial.

The attendance of the three public schools in this neighborhood is excellent. Misses Sallie Dixon, Mary Knick and Eliza Entsminger, who teach these schools, report over 100 pupils enrolled.

The protracted cold spell has been a great disadvantage to the farming element. A great many have corn standing in the field and some have not got in a supply of wood for the winter.

Those who left their apples, potatoes and pumpkins exposed when Jack Frost was on his rounds of inspection, report they were all very nice.

Mr. Ed Cummings of Ohio, is in Colliertown visiting old acquaintances.

Miss Ella Tribbett of near Maple Grove, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Deacon, at Oak Dale.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Mary A. Knick is very ill. Very little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. Margaret Herington of Oak Dale, is here with her mother, Mrs. Polly Entsminger, who is confined to her bed with old age. She is 94.

The ice harvest was not a good one, but some took advantage and filled their houses.

Our enterprising merchants, Messrs. J. D. Goodbar, P. I. Huffman, C. W. Entsminger, A. W. Morrison, Chas. Knick, H. L. Morrison and Mrs. E. W. Tribbett have their stores filled with a nice line of general merchandise. They also have on exhibition a fine assortment of Xmas goods which is making the little folks grin.

X. RAYS.

Rockbridge Baths

Gazette Correspondence.

Dec. 14.—Scarcely all the people having ice houses in this community were fortunate enough to get them filled at this recent cold spell with nice five and six inch ice.

Mr. James W. Mohler of Grinnell, Iowa, who left Rockbridge six years ago, is visiting his mother, Mrs. C. M. Shewey.

Mrs. M. M. Hutcheson and little daughter, Hallie, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Charles Gheislin, in Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Miss Minnie Edmunds of Staunton, is the guest of Miss Mary Gibson.

Miss Mary Dalhousie and Mr. Bowman of Waynesboro, who were pleasant visitors of Miss Lily L. Poutz for several days last week, have returned to their home.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. H. A. Wilson is expected to her room with a severe cold.

Mr. Wm. Beard of Buffalo Forge, has moved his family into Mr. Robert McCown's residence, lately vacated by Mr. A. M. Henry.

Mrs. Stuart Thompson of Bell's Valley, after several weeks' stay with Mrs. Reid Sterrett, has returned to her home.

The little son and daughter of Mrs. Reid Sterrett, who have been ill with fever, are now convalescent.

Mr. C. M. Shewey is attending the United States Court in Harrisonburg.

Rev. Henry Miller is conducting a meeting this week at West View school house, one of the mission points of Bethesda church.

Communion services will be held on next Sunday morning at Bethesda church. Preparatory services on Saturday morning.

Dr. H. R. Morrison is, we are sorry to note, confined to his room with mumps.

COUNTRY MAIDEN.

Real Estate Transfers

The following deeds of bargain and sale were entered of record in the Clerk's office of Rockbridge county during the week ending Dec. 15.

Bridgeport College to William H. Thompson \$500 acres in Walker's Creek district, adj. R. C. Watton, \$900.

William H. Thompson and wife to James W. Wood, 130 acres in Walker's Creek district, adj. R. C. Watton, \$900.

T. W. McFarland and wife to R. L. Montgomery, 78 acres adj. D. L. Patterson in Kerr's Creek district, \$800.

G. W. Toman and wife to John H. Armstrong, 23 acres in Raphine adj. Valley R. R., \$640.

S. P. Blackwell and wife to John J. Chittum, 23-100 acres near Midvale, adj. S. R. Green, \$900.

C. P. Green and wife to James F. Green, 214 acres on South River, \$500.

C. R. Goodman to W. T. Goodman, all his interest in 2244 acres adj. S. H. Igrow in South River district.

Robert A. Washington and wife to Samuel Alexander, house and lot in Lexington, adj. Mrs. T. H. Williamson, \$225.

W. W. Lott to Lottie E. Shafer undivided one-half interest in 203 acres and 114 sq. poles in Natural Bridge district, \$835.

Lexington Produce Market.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 16, 1903.

Flour—Extra.....	\$3.75
New Wheat.....	\$5.00
Corn.....	.45
Corn Meal.....	.60
Potatoes.....	.50
Butter.....	.16
Eggs.....	.27
Fresh Hens.....	.10
Bacon—Home country.....	.12
—Shoulders.....	.12
Lard—Choice country.....	.10
Timothy Seed.....	\$2.00
Oats.....	.36
Crushed Clover.....	4.00
Red Clover.....	8.50
Hay.....	\$8.00 to \$11.00
Straw.....	\$5.00 to \$5.50

Fairfield

Gazette Correspondence.

Dec. 14.—Bud Mayes, 23 years of age and third son of Mr. John Mayes near Midvale, was run over and killed by a train on the N. & W. yards at Keystone, W. Va., on Monday of last week. His remains reached Midvale Tuesday afternoon and were interred in the Fairfield cemetery Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Funeral services by Rev. J. Spencer Smith.

The cold frosty weather and three inches of snow which covered the ground through this section was brought to an end Saturday night by a steady downfall of rain. Farmers had begun to feel blue over the poor prospect for a wheat crop. However, the rain will add to it very much.

The Christmas spirit has already come to our village. We hear of numerous cakes, several fat turkeys, one or two family reunions and a gloriously good time proposed by some of the young people.

Messrs. W. S. Paxton and James Helmore, who are engaged in building houses at Clifton Forge, are at home until after the holidays.

Mrs. E. R. Flippo has returned from her old home in Bath county, where she was called to attend the burial of her brother.

Miss Fannie Templeton has gone to Salem to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. P. Norris.

Rev. J. Spencer Smith preached Sunday at Mt. Carmel for Rev. Mr. Hamilton.

Mrs. Isaac Canter of Staunton, and Mrs. Caldwell of Lewisburg, W. Va., are the guests of Mrs. J. W. Canter, M.

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Longwood

Gazette Correspondence.

Dec. 15.—Rev. W. E. Anderson after being away a month attending the meeting of the A. R. P. Synod and visiting his mother and relatives in South Carolina, has returned to Longwood and taken up his duties again as pastor of Broad Creek church.

Steward Zebedee Worth, grandson of Mrs. Mary Worth, died December 13th. His death was caused by trouble in the throat and head, something like croup. His age was six years, five months and eight days. He was confined to the house five days before his death, but had not been well for some time. He had diphtheria five weeks before his death, and had not been able to swallow well since. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Anderson at the home at 11 o'clock a. m., Monday, 14th. After services the body was taken to the cemetery at Mr. George Wilson's and buried.

EARLE.

Nasal Catarrh quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is a powerful antiseptic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the inflamed surface, which it disinfects itself. A remedy for Nasal Catarrh which is drying or exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. Cream Balm is recognized as a specific. Prices 50 cents at druggists or by mail. A cold in the head immediately disappears when Cream Balm is used. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street New York.

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\$250 Reward

The Rockbridge Mutual Insurance Company will pay the above REWARD for information that will result in the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of the burning of Mr. A. J. Anderson's Grange, near Cedar Grove, Va., on the night of November 8th, 1903, which is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

By order of the Board of Directors, G. W. EFFINGER, President.

Dec. 7th, 1903.

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